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Application No: Not yet assigned)	Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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For: Maternal Antibodies as Fetal Cell)	
Markers to Identify and Enrich Fetal)	
Cells from Maternal Blood)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARK

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Sir:

The instant application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) of International Patent Application No. PCT/AU03/00676, filed May 30, 2003, now International Publication No. WO 03/102595 A1, dated December 11, 2003, which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/385,170 filed May 31, 2002. Prior to examining the above-referenced application, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remark.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.